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Request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item in the agenda of the sixty-fifth session

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a judge of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal

Letter dated 23 December 2010 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to request, pursuant to rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, inclusion of an additional sub-item under agenda item 113, "Appointments to fill vacancies in the subsidiary organs and other appointments", of the Assembly at its sixty-fifth session.

On 11 October 2010, Judge Rose Boyko announced that she was resigning her position as judge of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, effective 15 January 2011. A vacancy in the Appeals Tribunal will therefore occur on that date.

As a result it would be imperative for the General Assembly, during its sixty-fifth session, to exercise its mandate to appoint a judge to the Appeals Tribunal. The term of office of the new judge will be for the remainder of the seven-year term of Judge Boyko, which commenced on 1 July 2009 and ends on 30 June 2016.

As the agenda of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (A/65/251 and Corr.1 and A/65/251/Add.1) does not contain an item on the election of judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, it is necessary to add, under agenda item 113, a sub-item (g) entitled "Appointment of a judge of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal". It is requested that the sub-item be considered in plenary meeting.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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